

# **Election Cycle Campaign Finance Contribution Limits**

## **For**

### **State Level Office, Local Level Office, Judicial and Caucus Committee PACs**

#### **Contribution Limits**

The [Michigan Campaign Finance Act \(MCFA\)](#) establishes contribution limits for publicly elected offices in Michigan. This means that candidates running for office are limited in what they are allowed to accept from individuals and groups in an *election cycle* and these same individuals and groups are limited in what they can contribute to a candidate in an election cycle. To understand the contribution limits, we must establish an understanding of elections cycles.

[Election Cycles](#) are time frames provided in the MCFA to accumulate contributions and expenditures for reporting purposes and to avoid violating the MCFA by accepting or making an excess contribution. Contribution limits for all offices are based on the election cycle of the office.

If you are using the MERTS Software, the election cycles must be entered properly for the software to accumulate contributions and expenditures properly. See [MERTS User Guide](#) for more information concerning the MERTS Software.

#### **Determining the Election Cycle for a Campaign**

- For a general election, the election cycle begins the day following the last general election in which the office appeared on the ballot and ends on the day of the next general election in which the office appears on the ballot.
- For a special election the election cycle begins the day the special general election is called or the date the office becomes vacant (which ever is earlier) and ends on the day of the special general election.

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## STATE LEVEL OFFICES

Contribution limits for the offices listed in the chart below are based on the office. If the office you are interested in is not listed, see the section on Local Level Offices, Judicial Offices or Community College Boards.

<b>CONTRIBUTOR ➔ OFFICE ↓</b>	<b>Individual Contribution Limit</b>	<b>Political (PAC) Committee Contribution Limit</b>	<b>Independent (PAC) Committee Contribution Limit</b>	<b>Caucus (PAC) Committee Contribution Limit</b>	<b>District Political Party Committee Contribution Limit</b>	<b>County Political Party Committee Contribution Limit</b>	<b>State Political Party Committee Contribution Limit</b>
<b>Governor and Lt. Governor -- With Public Funding</b>	\$6,800	\$6,800	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$750,000
<b>Governor and Lt. Governor -- Without Public Funding</b>	\$6,800	\$6,800	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$136,000
<b>Secretary of State</b>	\$6,800	\$6,800	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$136,000
<b>Attorney General</b>	\$6,800	\$6,800	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$136,000
<b>State Senate</b>	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$20,000	**Unlimited	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>State Representative</b>	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$10,000	**Unlimited	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>State Board of Education</b>	\$6,800	\$6,800	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$136,000
<b>University of Michigan Regents</b>	\$6,800	\$6,800	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$136,000
<b>Michigan State University Trustees</b>	\$6,800	\$6,800	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$136,000
<b>Wayne State University Governors</b>	\$6,800	\$6,800	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$136,000

\*\* A Senate or House Caucus committee is prohibited from making a contribution to or an expenditure on behalf of a State Representative or State Senate candidate if the candidate is running against opposition in a primary.

## LOCAL LEVEL OFFICES

Contribution limits for the offices listed in the chart below are based on the population of the district. If the office you are interested in is not listed under the county, see the section on State Level Offices, Judicial Offices or Community College Boards.

COUNTY NAME/ COUNTY CODE/ 2010 POPULATION	Population – 250,000+	Population – 85,001 – 250,000	Population – 85,000 or Less
	CONTRIBUTION LIMITS Individual or Political Committee - \$6,800 Independent Committee - \$68,000 County Political Party Committee - \$68,000 Cong. District Pol. Party Committee - \$68,000 State Central Pol. Party Committee - \$68,000	CONTRIBUTION LIMITS Individual or Political Committee - \$2,000 Independent Committee - \$20,000 County Political Party Committee - \$20,000 Cong. District Pol. Party Committee - \$20,000 State Central Pol. Party Committee - \$20,000	CONTRIBUTION LIMITS Individual or Political Committee - \$1,000 Independent Committee - \$10,000 County Political Party Committee - \$10,000 Cong. District Pol. Party Committee - \$10,000 State Central Pol. Party Committee - \$10,000
Alcona (01) 10,942			All Elective Offices in the County
Alger (02) 9,601			All Elective Offices in the County
Allegan(03) 111,408		County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Sheriff, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Road Commissioners	County Commissioners and any other elective county offices
Alpena (04) 29,598			All Elective Offices in the County
Antrim (05) 23,580			All Elective Offices in the County
Arenac (06) 15,899			All Elective Offices in the County
Baraga (07) 8,860			All Elective Offices in the County
Barry (08) 59,173			All Elective Offices in the County
Bay (09) 107,771		County Executive, County Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Register of Deeds, Drain Commissioner, Road Commissioners At-Large	County Commissioners and any other elective county offices
Benzie (10) 17,525			All Elective Offices in the County
Berrien (11) 156,813		County Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Register of Deeds, Drain Commissioner, Surveyor	County Commissioners and any other elective county offices

COUNTY NAME/	Population – 250,000+	Population – 85,001 – 250,000	Population – 85,000 or Less
		Lake Michigan College	
Branch (12) 45,248			All Elective Offices in the County
Calhoun (13) 136,146		County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Sheriff, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Drain Commissioner  Kellogg Community College	County Commissioners and any other elective county offices
Cass (14) 52,293			All Elective Offices in the County
Charlevoix (15) 25,949			All Elective Offices in the County
Cheboygan (16) 26,152			All Elective Offices in the County
Chippewa (17) 38,520			All Elective Offices in the County
Clare (18) 30,926			All Elective Offices in the County
Clinton (19) 75,382			All Elective Offices in the County
Crawford (20) 14,074			All Elective Offices in the County
Delta (21) 37,069			All Elective Offices in the County
Dickinson (22) 26,168			All Elective Offices in the County
Eaton (23) 107,759		County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Sheriff, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Drain Commissioner  Lansing City Mayor, Lansing City Clerk, Lansing City Treasurer, Lansing City Council At-Large  Lansing Public School District	County Commissioners and any other elective county offices
Emmet (24) 32,694			All Elective Offices in the County

COUNTY NAME/	Population – 250,000+	Population – 85,001 – 250,000	Population – 85,000 or Less
<b>Genesee (25) 425,790</b>	County Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Register of Deeds, Surveyor, Drain Commissioner  Mott Community College	Flint City Mayor  Flint City School District	County Commissioners and any other elective county offices
Gladwin (26) 25,692			All Elective Offices in the County
Gogebic (27) 16,427			All Elective Offices in the County
<b>Grand Traverse (28) 86,986</b>		County Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Drain Commissioner and Surveyor  Northwestern Michigan College	All Elective County Offices
Gratiot (29) 42,476			All Elective Offices in the County
Hillsdale (30) 46,688			All Elective Offices in the County
Houghton (31) 36,628			All Elective Offices in the County
Huron (32) 33,118			All Elective Offices in the County
<b>Ingham (33) 280,895</b>	County Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Register of Deeds, Drain Commissioner  Lansing Community College	Lansing City Mayor, Lansing City Clerk, Lansing City Treasurer, Lansing City Council At-Large  Lansing Public School District	County Commissioners and any other elective county offices
Ionia (34) 63,905			All Elective Offices in the County
Iosco (35) 25,887			All Elective Offices in the County
Iron (36) 11,817			All Elective Offices in the County
Isabella (37) 70,311			All Elective Offices in the County
<b>Jackson (38) 160,248</b>		County Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Register of Deeds, Drain Commissioner, Surveyor  Jackson Community College	County Commissioners and any other elective county offices

COUNTY NAME/	Population – 250,000+	Population – 85,001 – 250,000	Population – 85,000 or Less
<b>Kalamazoo (39) 250,331</b>	County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Sheriff, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Drain Commissioner, Surveyor  Kalamazoo Valley Community College	Kalamazoo Public School District  Kalamazoo Public Library District	County Commissioners and any other elective county offices
<b>Kalkaska (40) 17,153</b>			All Elective Offices in the County
<b>Kent (41) 602,622</b>	County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Sheriff, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Drain Commissioner  Grand Rapids Community College	Grand Rapids City Mayor, Grand Rapids City Comptroller  Grand Rapids Public School District	County Commissioners and any other elective county offices
<b>Keweenaw (42) 2,156</b>			All Elective Offices in the County
<b>Lake (43) 11,539</b>			All Elective Offices in the County
<b>Lapeer (44) 88,319</b>		County Clerk, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Road Commissioners, Drain Commissioner, Surveyor	County Commissioners and any other elective county offices
<b>Leelanau (45) 21,708</b>			All Elective Offices in the County
<b>Lenawee (46) 99,892</b>		County Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Register of Deeds, Drain Commissioner, Surveyor, Road Commissioners At-Large	County Commissioners and any other elective county offices
<b>Livingston (47) 180,967</b>		County Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Register of Deeds, Drain Commissioner	County Commissioners and any other elective county offices
<b>Luce (48) 6,631</b>			All Elective Offices in the County
<b>Mackinac (49) 11,113</b>			All Elective Offices in the County
<b>Macomb (50) 840,978</b>	County Clerk/Register of Deeds, County Executive, Sheriff, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Public Works Commissioner	Sterling Heights Council, City Mayor, Sterling Heights  Warren City Mayor, Warren City Council at Large, Warren City Clerk,	County Commissioners, Warren City Council Districts 1-5 and any other elective county offices

COUNTY NAME/	Population – 250,000+	Population – 85,001 – 250,000	Population – 85,000 or Less
	Macomb Community College	Warren City Treasurer  Clinton Township Clerk, Clinton Township Supervisor, Clinton Township Treasurer, Clinton Township Constable, Clinton Township Trustee At Large  Utica Community School District  Warren Consolidated Schools  Chippewa Valley School District	
Manistee (51) 24,733			All Elective Offices in the County
Marquette (52) 67,077			All Elective Offices in the County
Mason (53) 28,705			All Elective Offices in the County
Mecosta (54) 42,798			All Elective Offices in the County
Menominee (55) 24,029			All Elective Offices in the County
Midland (56) 83,629			All Elective Offices in the County
Missaukee (57) 14,849			All Elective Offices in the County
Monroe (58) 152,021		County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Sheriff, County Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Drain Commissioner, Surveyor  Monroe Community College	County Commissioners and any other elective county offices
Montcalm (59) 63,342			All Elective Offices in the County
Montmorency (60) 9,765			All Elective Offices in the County
Muskegon (61) 172,188		County Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Register of Deeds, Drain Commissioner, Surveyor,	County Commissioners and any other elective county offices

COUNTY NAME/	Population – 250,000+	Population – 85,001 – 250,000	Population – 85,000 or Less
		Muskegon Community College	
Newaygo (62) 48,460			All Elective Offices in the County
Oakland (63) 1,202,362	County Executive, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Sheriff, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Drain Commissioner  Oakland Community College	Walled Lake Consolidated School District  Rochester Community School District	County Commissioners and any other elective county offices
Oceana (64) 26,570			All Elective Offices in the County
Ogemaw (65) 21,699			All Elective Offices in the County
Ontonagon (66) 6,780			All Elective Offices in the County
Osceola (67) 23,528			All Elective Offices in the County
Oscoda (68) 8,640			All Elective Offices in the County
Otsego (69) 24,164			All Elective Offices in the County
Ottawa (70) 263,801	County Clerk/ Register of Deeds, Sheriff, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Drain Commissioner		County Commissioners and any other elective county offices
Presque Isle (71) 13,376			All Elective Offices in the County
Roscommon (72) 24,449			All Elective Offices in the County
Saginaw (73) 200,169	Delta Community College	County Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Register of Deeds, Public Works Commissioner, Auditor	County Commissioners and any other elective county offices
St. Clair (74) 163,040		County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Sheriff, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Drain Commissioner, Surveyor  St. Clair Community College	County Commissioners and any other elective county offices
St. Joseph (75) 61,295			All Elective Offices in the County

COUNTY NAME/	Population – 250,000+	Population – 85,001 – 250,000	Population – 85,000 or Less
Sanilac (76) 43,114			All Elective Offices in the County
Schoolcraft (77) 8,485			All Elective Offices in the County
Shiawassee (78) 70,648			All Elective Offices in the County
Tuscola (79) 55,729			All Elective Offices in the County
Van Buren (80) 76,258			All Elective Offices in the County
<b>Washtenaw (81) 344,791</b>	County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Sheriff, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Drain Commissioner  Washtenaw Community College	Mayor of Ann Arbor City  Ann Arbor Public School District	County Commissioners and any other elective county offices
<b>Wayne (82) 1,820,584</b>	County Executive, County Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Register of Deeds  Detroit Mayor, Detroit City Clerk, Detroit City Council at Large, Charter Commission  Detroit City School District At Large Positions  Schoolcraft College  Wayne County Community College Board	County Commissioners Canton Charter Township: Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustees, Library Director  Dearborn City Mayor, Dearborn City Clerk, Dearborn City Council at Large  Dearborn City School District  Detroit City School District (positions elected by district); Detroit City Police Commission; Detroit City Council (positions elected by district)  Livonia City Mayor Livonia City Clerk, Livonia City Treasurer, Livonia City Council At Large  Livonia Public School District  Plymouth-Canton Community School District  Wayne-Westland School District  Henry Ford Community College Board	All other elective county offices

COUNTY NAME/	Population – 250,000+	Population – 85,001 – 250,000	Population – 85,000 or Less
Wexford (83) 32,735			All Elective Offices in the County

## JUDICIAL OFFICES

Contribution limits for the offices listed in the chart below are based on the population of the district. If the office you are interested in is not listed, see the section on Local State Offices.

JUDICIAL OFFICE	Population – 250,000+	Population – 85,001 – 250,000	Population – 85,000 or Less
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Supreme Court	CONTRIBUTION LIMITS AS FOLLOWS: Individual or Political Committee - \$6,800 Independent Committee - \$68,000 County Political Party Committee - \$68,000 Cong. District Pol. Party Committee - \$68,000 State Central Pol. Party Committee - \$68,000		
Court of Appeals	All Districts – 1-4		
Circuit Courts	Circuits: 3, 6, 7, 9 ,16, 17, 20, 22 and 30	Circuits: 2, 4, 8, 10, 13, 14, 18 , 29, 31, 37, 38, 39, 40, 44, 48, and 56.	All other circuits
District Courts	Districts: 8, 36, 41A, 58	Districts: 1, 2A, 5, 10, 12, 14A, 15, 16, 19, 33 35, 37, 41B, 46, 47, 48, 52-1, 52-2, 52-3, 52-4, 53, 54A, 55, 56A, 57, 58, 60, 61, 63-1, 63-2, 67-4, 68, 70-2, 71A, 72, 74 and 86.	All other districts
Probate Courts	Genesee, Ingham, Kalamazoo, Kent, Macomb, Oakland, Ottawa, Washtenaw, and Wayne County probate courts.	Allegan, Bay, Berrien, Calhoun, Eaton, Grand Traverse, Jackson, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Muskegon, Saginaw and St. Clair county probate courts.	All other probate courts
Municipal Courts			All municipal courts

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARDS

The limits listed in the following chart are based on the population of the district from which the candidate is seeking election.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARDS	Population – 250,000+	Population – 85,001 – 250,000	Population – 85,000 or Less
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COMMUNITY COLLEGES	Delta Community College Grand Rapids Community College Kalamazoo Valley Community College Lansing Community College Macomb Community College Mott Community College Oakland Community College Schoolcraft Community College Washtenaw Community College Wayne Community College	Henry Ford Community College Jackson Community College Kellogg Community College Lake Michigan Community College Monroe Community College Muskegon Community College Northwestern Michigan College St. Clair Community College	All other community colleges

## Contribution Limits for Caucus Committees PACS

A person may not contribute more than \$40,000.00 in a calendar year to a House or Senate Caucus Committee. The caucus committee also may not accept contributions that exceed this limit.

All other Political Committees, Independent Committees Political Party Committees and Ballot Question Committees, may receive unlimited contribution amounts from a legal source.